

**Meeting Summary – July 24, 2002**  
**California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee**  
**Water Supply Subcommittee**

**Attendance**

Subcommittee members and alternates in attendance: Steve Hall, Gary Bobker, Tom Zuckerman, Randall Neudeck (Tim Quinn), Alan Zepp (George Fraser), Richard Denton, Greg Gartrell, Van Tenny, Bernice Sullivan, Dante John Namellini

***The meeting focused on the following agenda items:***

- Update on CALFED Funding
- Status Reports on CALFED Surface Storage Projects
  - Shasta Enlargement
  - North-of-the Delta Offstream Storage
  - In-Delta Storage
  - Los Vaqueros Enlargement
  - Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage
- Status Reports on the South Delta Improvement Plan

**CALFED Funding**

The U.S. Senate has voted to increase funding from \$15 to \$30 million dollars. This is important for the storage investigations.

**CALFED Surface Storage Projects**

Schedule for projects assumes funding from State Proposition 50 and Federal funding. Schedules will be delayed if the funding is not adequate. Decisions regarding viability of projects will be made after the completion of environmental documents in 2004.

All surface storage project presentations are available on the CALFED web site.

1. Shasta enlargement

The focus of the presentation was on the 6.5 foot raise, and preliminary estimates of the corresponding storage, average annual yield and filling frequency were discussed. A concerted effort will be made to involve the public to provide comments on the environmental studies and documentation.

2. North-of-the Delta Offstream Storage

The presentation included a description of the alternatives being studied. Issues were discussed with regard to the benefits of the project (yield, power production, operational flexibility, and water quality), and how the hydrologic characteristics would be quantified (applications of the CALSIM model).

Concern was expressed that various alternatives are either economically viable but not environmentally acceptable or vice-versa. The goal will be to identify feasible alternatives once the environmental documentation is completed and beneficiaries are identified. Project impacts on the San Francisco Bay/Delta needs to be studied.

### 3. In-Delta Storage

An overview of the current schedule and review process was presented as well as a summary of comments received throughout the public review period. Suggested changes to the Draft Work Plan were also presented.

### 4. Los Vaqueros Enlargement

The alternative designs being investigated were presented. The goal of the project is to improve regional operational flexibility, improve drinking water quality, and provide storage for the Environmental Water Account per the ROD and not to develop local yield.

### 5. Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage - Friant Dam Enlargement

Alternatives are being formulated based on the analysis of single purpose requirements, such as improvement of water quality in the San Joaquin River. Augmenting San Joaquin River flows is being investigated as part of the alternatives.

## **South Delta Improvement Plan**

A mix of alternatives is being considered, including 8,500 cfs and 10,300 cfs pumping at the Banks facility, as well as permanent barriers in the Delta. The current temporary barriers are expensive to construct each year and do not provide the operational flexibility needed to control water levels, provide flows to the ship channel and protect fish populations. Permanent barriers would help to provide this needed flexibility. An aggressive schedule is being undertaken to complete environmental and design studies.

## **Future Meeting**

September 11, 2002

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Bonderson Building

Hearing Room 102 A

901 P Street

Sacramento, CA

### Draft Agenda Items:

- Review of Workplans and Budgets for Fiscal Year 02/03
  - Storage Program
  - Conveyance Program
  - Water Transfers Program